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## 488 ACRES GIVEN TO GOVERNMENT FOR UPPER MISSISSIPPI REFUGE

A joint resolution recently approved by President Coolidge authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to accept from James B. Munn, of New York City, on behalf of the United States, a gift of certain lands in Clayton County, Iowa, to become a part of the Upper Mississippi River Wild Life and Fish Refuge. These lands, embracing a total area of 488 acres estimated to be worth thirty or forty thousand dollars, were generously donated to the Government by Mr. Munn through his interest in the objects of the refuge.

Situated near McGregor, Iowa, the lands are more or less overgrown with original timber and are especially attractive for upland migratory birds. One parcel includes an excellent lookout point, known as Pikes Peak, that will be of great value in connection with fire protection, administrative uses, and other purposes on the refuge. Although adjacent to the lowlands embraced in the refuge much of the area is not subject to overflow, as it extends up into the hills bordering the river bottoms, and the inclusion of this high land will have the desirable result of lending variety to the refuge and attracting and protecting additional species of wild life.

The Upper Mississippi River Wild Life and Fish Refuge includes lands along both sides of the river between Rock Island, Ill., and Wabasha, Minn., and the acquisition of further lands to be included is being carried forward as rapidly as possible by the Bureau of Biological Survey of the Department of Agriculture.

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